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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- the international application as originally filed/furnished

- the description:

pages 1 – 36 as originally filed/furnished
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- the claims:

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- the drawings:

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- the description, pages
- the claims, Nos.
- the drawings, sheets/figs
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 3 to 11, 14 to 33, 35 to 42	YES
	Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 34	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 3 to 11, 14 to 33, 35 to 42	YES
	Claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 34	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 to 42	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**D1: CA-2411459-A1 (Suzuki et al.) 12 May 2003****D2: Clio: A Semi-automatic Tool for Schema Mapping (Hernandez, Miller, Haas, Yan, Ho, Tian) 2001****D3: CA-2223953-A (Gajraj) 5 December 1997****Claims 1, 2, 12, 13 and 34**

The claims 1 and 2 are anticipated by citations D1, D2 and D3 and claims 12, 13 and 34 are anticipated by citation D1.

Citations D1, D2 and D3 each disclose methods of performing schema transformation wherein a first structured or marked-up document based on a first document type definition (DTD) or a document schema is transformed to a second or marked-up structured document based on a second DTD or document schema. Each citation D1, D2, and D3 discloses a method of transformation involving an intermediate process or layer in which a template, rule set, correspondence mapping or translation table is employed to establish a relationship between the first source and the second target document schemas. Each citation D1, D2, and D3 discloses a method of analysis or assessment of properties by which the relationship between source and target document schema is established.

The present claims 1 and 2 use the terms "...deconstruct and reconstruct..." These terms are construed to have the meaning of performing an analysis or assessment of specifically identified data within the document schema, to establish properties or attributes of that data and to utilise this determined information to establish a transfer mapping or relationship between the soured and target documents.

Further the term "...interlanguage document type definition (DTD)..." is construed to mean an intermediate layer or interface between a source DTD and a target DTD for the purposes of transformation of the source document to the target document.

In the light of citations D1, D2 and D3, and the construction placed upon term "...deconstruct and reconstruct..." and "...interlanguage document type definition (DTD)...," claims 1 and 2 lack novelty and inventive step.

Similarly, in the light of citations D1 which disclose methods and system of performing schema transformation as discussed above, claims 12, 13 and 34 are found to lack novelty and inventive step.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of: Box No. V

Claims 3 to 11, 14 to 33, 35 to 42

The remaining claims 3 – 11, 14 – 33, 35 – 42 disclose features which are novel and possess an inventive step in the light of the cited prior art documents.

Independent claims 23, 28 and 39, and respective appended claims disclose features which are not observed in the prior art base. Independent claims 23, 28 and 39 disclose combinations of features which are not disclosed in the prior art base. Claim 23 discloses a method and apparatus which interpellates source data into a interlanguage DTD for transfer of marked-up data having structure and semantics from a first to a second schema involving various step including processing, interpreting filtering with one or more of four filters and determining an inherent taxonomic or schematic structure of the interlanguage DTD comprising tag relationships. Claim 28 is for an apparatus which enable the transfer of a first schema to a second schema which utilises tag reader, interpreter, and transfer mechanisms. Claim 39 claims a method comprising combination of features including improved usability of ontology driven system and interoperability between differing mark-up schemas for the creation, location and formatting of digital contents utilising various steps involving database management, organisation of tags of the respective schemas, automatic translation of DTD, selection of appropriate ontology and automatic translation of interlanguage DTD.

Dependent claims 3 – 11 and 14 – 33, 35 – 42 disclose features which are not observed in the prior art base.

Features include:

- two overarching mechanisms, a superordination mechanism and a composition mechanism in which specific ontological tag-to-tag relationships are established;
- within the said superordination mechanism, one or more submechanisms establish further ontological relationships including hyponymy, hyperonymy, co-hyperonymy, antonymy and series;
- within the said composition mechanism, one or more submechanisms establish further ontological relationships including meronymy, co-meronymy, consistency and collectivity;
- the generation of tag-to-tag and field-to-field relationships using filter mechanisms including taxonomic distance, level of delicacy, potential semantic incursion and translation of silent into active tags and vice versa;
- associated use of dictionary and thesaurus;
- use of five semantic rules including minimised ambiguity, functional clarity, lowest common denominator semantics, destination of silent and active tag-concepts and comprehensive internal cross-reference; and
- translating a query against data in the interlanguage DTD to queries against data in any of the schemas supported by the interlanguage DTD.

In the light of the prior art and in particular the aforementioned citations, the combination of features disclosed in the claims 3 – 11, 14 – 33, 35 – 42 of the present invention are novel and demonstrate an inventive step.

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42. A method of translating a query against data in the interlanguage DTD to queries against data in any of the schemas supported by the interlanguage DTD. Using the same rules described above in claim 40, the dataset against which the query is run can return a set of results from data based on heterogenous schemas, as long as those schemas have been mapped against the interlanguage DTD.

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